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Our Vision:
ENCOUNTER+UNDERSTAND+PRACTICE
GOD'S LOVE

5th SUNDAY of EASTER

Festival of the Christian Home/Mother's Day

May 14, 2017

Series: Second Chances: Stories of Restoration, Redemption and Repurposing

Today's Theme: Jesus, Simon, and the "Sinful Woman"

PERIODIC LITANY (May be used at any time.)

L: God is good.

P: All the time.

L: And all the time.

P: God is good.

(You are invited to stand, as you are able, wherever a "*" is marked. **Bold print** indicates congregational participation.)

ENCOUNTER GOD'S LOVE

WELCOME AND PARISH CONCERNS

***PRAISE SONG**

How Can I Keep from Singing

***CALL to WORSHIP**

Worship Leader: God's abundant love invites us here.

Congregation: Christ's loving grace welcomes all.

WL: Come, the Spirit gathers us as one!

***PRAYER OF PRAISE (Unison)**

Holy God, pour out your holiness upon us. Pour out your strength, that we may worship you with the confidence of beloved children. Pour out your grace, that we may enter your presence, fully and completely, loving you with our tears, our prayers, and our praise. In love and gratitude, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN of PRAISE #127**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

UNDERSTAND GOD’S LOVE

(Please join in singing *Jesus Loves the Little Children* as the children come forward.)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAISE SONG

Wonderful, Merciful, Savior

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 7:36-39

SERMON

“Shameful Gratitude”
Rev. Brian Lucas, Pastor

PASTORAL PRAYER

DISCIPLESHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATION OF OUR LIVES AND OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Dawn Dietz

***DOXOLOGY**

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***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Unison)**

Gracious God, as you have anointed and healed us, send these gifts forth to anoint and heal others. Search out those who have lost their way, yet yearn to worship you with their tears. Help them discover just how much your love is theirs. Strengthen our ministries and our lives, that we may confidently kneel at your feet with all who seek your holy presence. Send us into your world to anoint and heal others, as you have anointed and healed us. We lift this prayer to you in the name of the Risen Christ as we continue to pray using his words...

***THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRACTICE GOD’S LOVE

***HYMN of PARTING#389**

Freely, Freely

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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Next week we will continue our series “Second Chances” with our week four look at “Driven Men” based on several Scriptures. What will Pastor Brian have to say?

MISSION AROUND PAXTONVILLE (MAP)



This coming Saturday, May 20, is our Mission Around Paxtonville Day. As you know, this is a day for us to volunteer and serve people in our church family and people in the area with work that they are not able to do for themselves.

At the present time there are five different work sites identified. There is plenty of work that needs to be done and we need more servants. If you are able, adults and youth, please give consideration to helping with this local mission activity.

We will meet at the church at 8:00 a.m. to receive work assignments and instructions. A bagged lunch will be provided and brought to your job site. A bagged lunch will also be provided to the people for whom we are working. Mealtimes are a great opportunity for fellowship.

Please let Pastor Brian of Harold Kratzer know if there is someone who could use some help with a home project. A sign-up sheet for volunteers is in the hallway for this purpose as well as a sign-up sheet for volunteers. If you can help, please sign the volunteer list so we know approximately how many lunches to prepare.



PAVILION

Remember Boy Scout Andrew Knepp is still planning his Eagle Scout Project which is to build a pavilion for us. The pavilion is planned for an area to the south of the parking lot expansion, and has just been marked off.

It will be 40' X 80' and capable of holding enough tables to seat approximately 250.

The pavilion is scheduled to be constructed this spring and summer. If you would like to contribute to any of this Eagle Project, simply mark Pavilion on the memo line of your check.

ELECTION DAY CAFÉ

Once again we will be serving the public at our Café on Election Day which will be on Tuesday, May 16. We need donations of food (sign-up sheet is on the shelf in the hallway). We will also need help in the kitchen,

Monday, May 15th and Tuesday, May 16th.

SOAKING PRAYER

Strangers, acquaintances, friends, good friends and intimate friends of God (from A Disciple's Path by James A. Harnish), take a step toward, or deeper into, intimacy with God and join me on Thursdays from 10am to 11:30am in the church sanctuary. We will learn about soaking prayer, what it is, how to do it, why to do it. Then we will practice this type of prayer. Bring what you need to be comfortable. Pillow, blanket, prayer shawl, Bible, paper, pencil or pen to write down anything that God might say to you. Stay the whole time or part of the time. If you have any questions, talk to Linda Howell.

LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP

General Fund	\$3,952.00
Sunday School	35.00
Building Fund	100.00
UMCOR	300.00
Tombodu Church	10.00
Pavilion	155.00

PRE-SERVICE PRAISE & WORSHIP

Beginning with next week the 3rd Sunday of the month will provide us with an extra opportunity for praise & worship through the use of singing for about 15 minutes before the beginning of the main worship service. Come early to listen or to join in singing God's praise.

Our Mission:

*To make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.*

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Greeters	Steininger Family
Organist	Colleen Ritter
Lay Reader	Tommy Rubillo
Sound Room	Greg Hetrick, Bill Burns
Praise Team Singers	Orry Walter, Bailey & Jess Hetrick

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...

Joan Zimmerman Violet Klinger Bailey DiCristina

FOR YOUR CALENDARS

Monday, May 15	9 a.m. Morning Mocha 7-8:30 p.m. Scouts
Tuesday, May 16	7 p.m. Administrative Council 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Election Day Café 7 p.m. Men of Faith
Wednesday, May 17	7 p.m. Choir
Thursday, May 18	10-11:30 a.m. Soaking Prayer
Saturday, May 20	MAP
Sunday, May 28	8 a.m. Prayer and Communion 9 a.m. Sunday school 10:30 a.m. Worship